



Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting

February 16, 2023, immediately following the SCFS Board of Trustees Meeting
SC First Steps
Minutes

Trustees Present (16):

Dr. Shelley Canright, Vice Chair
Jacque Curtin
Mary Lynne Diggs
Rep. Shannon Erickson
John Hayes
Tim Holt
Robert Kerr
Mike Leach

Sen. Gerald Malloy
Jennifer McConnell
Dave Morley, Chairman
Janie Neeley
Roger Pryor
Dr. Edward Simmer
Supt. Ellen Weaver
Dr. Amy Williams

Trustees Absent (5)

Sen. Greg Hembree
Constance Holloway
Jesica Mackey
Alexia Newman
Sue Williams

Attendees (43)

Georgia Mjartan
Avian Jones
Laura Baker
Amber Gillum
Bennie Hazel
Berry Kelly
Betty Carson
Betty Washington
Brandie Maness
Candace George
Chelsea Richard
Cindy Riley
Denise Pee
Elizabeth Dudek
Georgia Mjartan
Hannah Hayes
Jackson Wilkens
Jane Farrell
Javonna Lewis
JoAnn Willis
Joy Mazur
Kenna Hoover
Kerry Cordan
Kim Jennings
LaMyra Sanders

Laura Baker
Leigh D'Amico
Lexi Jones
Lyle Jacks
Mary Kay Bailey
Mary Williams
Myrelo King
Nur Tanyel
Paige Wall
Quinn Baker
Rachal Hatton-Moore
Ryan Shinn
Sarah Conrad
Sarah Eargle
Saundra Meadows
Susan Martin
Tamatha Kohler
Valencia Johnson
Virginia Newman
Mark Barnes
Kaitlyn Richards
Derek Cromwell
Martha Strickland
Karen Oliver
Beth Moore

Betty Gardiner
Jon Artz
Lis Guimaraes
Gina Beebe
Samantha Ingram



The meeting began at 3:33pm.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Holt provided the motion. Ms. McConnell provided a second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Morley asked for a motion to approve the December 2, 2022 minutes. Mr. Pryor provided the motion. Dr. Williams provided the second and the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Leigh D'Amico, Research Associate Professor from USC's College of Education presented on the findings of the Preschool Development Grant Needs Assessment, and she shared the next steps.

Amber Gillum, Deputy State Director at SC DSS and Chair of the Interagency Collaboration Committee provided an update on the works of the committee progress on the measures of the SC Birth through Five Strategic Plan.

Ms. Mjartan provided an update on the Early Childhood Integrated Data System. She provided information on the Palmetto Pre-K portal and the First5 portal. She also shared that March 1st is the targeted date for the launch of the common application in the First5 portal.

The meeting ended at 4:01pm.